



BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Gretchen Bruce at gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION



Additional Medical Respite Care beds open in Seattle. With a price tag of about \$240 per day, [Medical Respite Care](#) is an economical choice for treating homeless patients who no longer need hospital-level care, which averages \$1,500 per day. Seattle has long been recognized as a leader in medical respite programs, with 22 respite beds located in two of the city's homeless shelters. *In September, a third program opened at [Jefferson Terrace](#), a high-rise apartment building owned and run by Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) for low-income residents, with Harborview Medical Center as the care provider.*

The new center, which is close to three major hospitals, has 34 beds that will serve about 500 patients per year from King County hospitals during stays averaging three weeks, more than doubling the county's medical respite capacity. Seven King County hospitals are contributing to the program, and funding has come from other sources as well, including King County mental illness and drug dependency funds, United Way of King County, and federal stimulus funds for capital renovations.

The King County Women's Winter Response Shelter Open Saturday, October 1st

The winter shelter, located at 2030 3rd Avenue, between Lenora & Virginia in Belltown, is operated by the YWCA Angeline's Center for Homeless Women. It will open Saturday, October 1st and will operate every night through March 31, 2012. The Women's Winter Response Shelter has capacity for 40 women a night. A [flyer](#) is available for posting to advise programs and women about this shelter option. To access the shelter, women should:

- Between 6–9 PM, stop by & register with Women's Referral Center
- After 9 PM, drop-in or call 206 436-8650 to see if the shelter has space

EVENTS



THE INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS hosts

Light One Candle: Reviving and Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness
keynote by The Rev. Craig Rennebohm, Wednesday, Oct 19, 2011 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

Online Registration: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/199253> or pay at door.
EARLY REGISTRATION \$20 prior to Oct. 5, 2011. Ability-to-pay REGISTRATION DONATION: \$25 (includes lunch)
write itfh@comcast.net or phone Bill Kirlin-Hackett, 425.442.5418 to register or for information.

Day of Dignity - October 1st from 11 am – 2 pm at Millionair Club, 2515 Western Ave, Seattle

The **Day of Dignity** is a collaborative nationwide effort sponsored by Islamic Relief and local organizations working to assist those in need. Day of Dignity volunteers warmly welcome you to join them on Saturday, October 1st at 11am where volunteers will be gifting the items such as lunch, hygiene kits, socks, gloves, beanies, rain ponchos, hooded sweatshirts, hand sanitizer, pencils/paper, water, and reusable carry bags and providing a health screening from UW Al Shifa clinic.

SKCCH HOMELESS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE: OCTOBER 3RD THRU OCTOBER 10TH

October 10th is the last date for registering by mail to be eligible to vote in the November 8 election, and Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) is holding a Voter Registration Drive among people who are homeless. (People who are already registered can update name, address, etc. and check on their registration [on-line](#).) SKCCH has created a brochure on [voter registration](#) and ACLU has created a brochure for [voting rights restoration](#) for people with Washington State felony convictions.

FAITH Invites you to Volunteer to End Homelessness

Faithful Action In Transforming Homelessness (FAITH), a program of Catholic Community Services, will be hosting three King County volunteer direct service fairs. It will be an opportunity to meet local social services agencies and learn how you, your



church, your family and your neighbors can make a difference in ending homelessness. For directions and more information go to: www.faithadvocacy.org.

FAITH Volunteer Fairs

- ❖ October 8th, 9 am – Noon @ Holy Family Catholic Church, Kirkland
- ❖ November 5th, 9 am – Noon @ Calvary Lutheran Church, Federal Way

Housing First for Survivors of Domestic Violence –

Wednesday, October 12th 1:30pm - 4:30pm at Mercer Island Community and Event Center 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island

The Family Homelessness Initiative Invites You To a conference on Housing First for Survivors of Domestic Violence, provided by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Eastside Domestic Violence Program. The conference is open to all community stakeholders interested in learning more about housing models for families experiencing homelessness. While it is domestic violence focused, all providers serving families experiencing homelessness are encouraged to come to hear about lessons learned. No RSVP is required for this event. Contact triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov with questions.

Please visit the Family Homeless Initiative's website for more information:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx>



NATIONAL
IMMIGRANT
INTEGRATION
CONFERENCE

4th Annual National Immigrant Integration Conference
Westin Hotel, 1900 5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101
October 24 to October 26, 2011

Creating better linkages between immigrant and refugee / culturally focused agencies and housing and service providers is a key priority under the Mid Plan Review of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The National Immigrant Integration Conference is a signature event of the National Partnership for New Americans, which advances the integration and active citizenship of immigrants to achieve a vibrant, just, and welcoming democracy for all. Housing providers, planners and advocates are invited to [register](#) for the conference and join the conversation on engaging receiving communities to:

- Build meaningful connections between newcomers and receiving communities
- Foster and supporting local leadership in receiving communities

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)
Meeting dates vary: Time: 8:30–10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Upcoming Meeting: October 26, 2011, 8:30-10:30am YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle
Agenda Topics

- Resetting Ten Year Expectations: Resetting Goals and Expected Achievements through 2015
- Discussion of community efforts around homelessness and runaway youth vulnerable to sexual exploitation
- 2012 Legislative Priorities: Discuss state budget and initial slate of legislative priorities for 2012 session

Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)
Typical Meeting Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2–4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: September 12 at Renton

Discussed: Review of the CEH Bodies of work and possibilities/need to reset goals under the Plan. The proposal to reset 10Yp goals has come about as a result of the July Governing Board meeting at which the Governing Board affirmed the CEH workplan for 2011 through 2015, with its five investment priorities: 1) Production; 2) Families Initiative; 3) HEARTH & HMIS Implementation; 4) Veterans 5 YP; 5) Client Care Coordination; and three task forces 6) Transformation of Single Adult Shelter; 7) Youth and Young Adults; and 8) Immigrants and Refugees. To guide implementation of these (and balance the necessary resources) the GB urged the IAC and Funders Group to establish criteria and recommendations for resetting the goals under the Ten Year Plan as necessary. They provided guidance for this work by establishing the foundation that CEH should, “remain committed to a Ten Year timeline and be clear about what is realistically achievable by 2015. At the same time, we should have ‘stretch’ goals to which we aspire despite the economy and realities we face.”

Upcoming Meeting: October 3, 2011, 2-4pm, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral – 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle



Agenda Topics:

- Finalize discussion on resetting goals and expected achievements through 2015
- Approve 2012 Legislative Priorities: initial slate of legislative priorities for 2012 session
- Brief Updates on Task Forces: Youth and Young Adults, Single Adult Shelter, Immigrants & Refugees

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org

**Recent Meeting:
Discussed**

- September 21 at Plymouth Congregational Church
- Resetting Ten Year Expectations: Resetting Goals and Expected Achievements through 2015 (see IAC above)
 - Brief Updates on Task Forces: Youth and Young Adults, Single Adult Shelter, Immigrants & Refugees
 - Recap of Case Managers Focus Group

**Upcoming Meeting:
Agenda Topics**

- TUESDAY, October 19, 6-7:30pm Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle
- Upcoming Governing Board Agenda: Ten Year Expectations, Prostituted Youth, Task Force Updates
 - 2012 Legislative Priorities: Identify initial slate of legislative priorities for 2012 session

Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 4th Wed of month, 3:30-4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5th Ave, Room 526.

**Upcoming Meeting:
Agenda Topics**

- October 26, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm Chinook Building – 401 Fifth Avenue, Room 526, Seattle
- Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week and other year end communications efforts.

Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30-10, via conference call.

Upcoming Meeting: Committee on hiatus until 2012 legislative session

Population Affinity Groups

With the completion of the CEH Mid Plan Review in spring of 2011, the population committees of CEH have sunset in consideration of the task forces and workgroups that are going forward. The following are updates on population-based groups or initiatives that are going forward aligned with CEH.

Single Adults: Single Adults committee has been sunset. Meeting(s) may be convened as needed to seek feedback on the Homeless and Essential Needs or Single Adult Task Force as those bodies of work move forward.

Families: Follow the Families Initiative! See [Family Homelessness Initiative website](http://www.familyhomelessnessinitiative.org) for regular trainings and opportunities.

YYA: At the final CEH Youth and Young Adult subcommittee meeting in June, the group requested another meeting in order to receive a progress report from the newly formed CEH Homeless Youth and Young Adult Task Force and decide if the stakeholders concerned about homeless youth and young adult issues would like to move forward and continue meeting outside of CEH. This new group will meet **Wednesday, October 12, 2-4pm at the 2100 building.**

RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

South King County Forum on Homelessness

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9-10:30am at the Kent Senior Activity Center to 1) keep South county service providers in touch with one-another; 2) share resources with / for SKC service providers; 3) receive updates and announcements of new or future projects; 4) to help bridge the disconnect between the homeless and services. Most attendees are planners or providers, though anyone is welcome to attend. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728>

**Upcoming Meeting:
Agenda Topics:**

October 5, 2011, 9-10:30am Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Kelly Rider at kelly@housingconsortium.org. The NKC Stakeholders group coordinates homeless housing & service activities in North King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:30am-1pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.



Upcoming Meeting: October 12, 2011, 11:30am–1pm
Agenda Topics:

Shoreline City Hall, 3rd floor, 17500 Midvale Ave N

Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)

Contact: Arthur Sullivan ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov or Sharon Anderson sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us. EHAC coordinates homeless housing & service activities in East King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Upcoming Meeting: October 13, 2011, 2–4pm
Agenda Topics:

First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH)

The ITFH works among, between, and within the faith community and seeks to create the political will to end homelessness using targeted education, outreach and advocacy. Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, noon–1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: No October Meeting.
Agenda Topics: See Event Announcement
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All are invited to attend the **11th Annual ITFH Conference: Light One Candle**
Wednesday, Oct 19, 2011 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: udsp.spt@gmail.com U-District Service Provider's Alliance share information relevant to working with homeless youth and young adults, program updates, and neighborhood updates. A service provider debrief follows each meeting. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11am–12:30pm

Upcoming Meeting: October 23, 2011, 11am–12:30pm
Agenda Topics:

Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3rd Thurs of each month, 9–11am at E Cherry YWCA. Most attendees are providers or homeless community members and other concerned folks are welcome. Several standing committees also meet regularly (families with children; youth & young adults, single adults; advocacy). Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at www.homelessinfo.org

General Meeting: October 20, 2011, 9–11am
Agenda Topics:

Alvirita Little Bldg @ E Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry St, Seattle

SKCCH Population Committees

- **Youth and Young Adults Committee:** Tuesday, October 11, 10:30am–Noon
at the Capitol Hill Library (425 Harvard Ave E., Seattle)
- **Single Adults Advocacy Committee:** Thursday, October 13, Noon–1:30pm
at Plymouth's Simons Seniors Apartments (2119 3rd Ave, Seattle)

Report Out on SKCCH Homeless Youth Summit – held September 21st

SKCCH Youth and Young Adult subcommittee in collaboration with HSD and homeless youth service providers held their sixth annual Youth Summit this week. On Wednesday September 21st homeless youth and **five** peer leaders received advocacy training from Nancy Amidei, identified issues/barriers facing them as homeless youth, and then prioritized their five most important issues. Their five main priorities were:

1. lack of housing for unaccompanied minors,
2. more career development for homeless youth,
3. increased metro access and decreased or eliminated cost for homeless individuals,
4. begin a public storage program for tourism and homeless individuals' belongings, and
5. more quality case management services.

A more detailed document with additional information is available by clicking [here](#).

The next day youth advocated for better services in one of these priority areas at six different meetings with the following people: City Council Members Licata, Burgess, Godden, and O'Brian; a group meeting with Darryl Smith, Dannette Smith, and Sol Villarreal; and a large group meeting with King County Council Member Larry Gossett. Youth were powerful advocates, describing their experiences and barriers in accessing services and also highlighted services that had made a positive impact.